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I. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

Nothing to report.

II. OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. [] completed a four-day program for BRAC in Havana on 3 March. Originally scheduled to begin on 25 February the program had to be postponed until 26 February so that [] and the chief of BRAC could assemble a class and select interpreters. The sense of urgency for this program which pervaded the Headquarters desk, and which caused [] and [] to be sent without really adequate preparation, was not in evidence in the field.

The number of students varied between twenty and twenty-five since many of them were not permanent BRAC staff members and could not absent themselves full-time from their regular employment. The facilities provided were excellent, the students who were finally assembled were attentive and interested, and the program was apparently successful in spite of the fact that many of the more sophisticated students were personally more concerned with the role of Castro than with current Communist activities.

In addition to the scheduled training for BRAC [] was requested by [] to provide two afternoon briefings for the U.S. Ambassador and his assembled staff. About fifteen of the top Embassy officials participated in these seminars devoted primarily to a consideration of Communist parliamentary tactics.

[] both went without any notes or documents since there was not adequate time to pouch them,

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but [] felt that there actually was little reason why the necessary materials could not be hand-carried. []

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2. [] have had further discussions with [] OSI training officer, concerning the nature of the courses which SIC might provide for OSI. [] indicated that since he had been alerted to the existence of the USSR Country Survey a quota of five per course had been established by the OSI career board. While it may be doubted that this particular quota will be adhered to I believe we have established the existence of a real requirement for non-scientific coverage for OSI and that SIC and OSI will be able to work out a useful program.

3. The only development of any significance in Party Organization and Operations No. 9 which was completed on 28 February was the inclusion for the first time of a detailed consideration of Communist tactics in the field of labor. This most important subject will be further expanded in future runnings of the course and can ultimately be developed to the point of its being offered as a separate short seminar.

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